

In the work of his kingdom God chooses his own instruments, and uses all kinds of consecrated talent and peculiarities of character, and the college life of Mr. Davidson had its side of Christian activity, followed by happy results. The location of the college among a population chiefly French did not allow much opportunity for student preaching, but where love to Christ and the souls of men dominates the heart opportunities for usefulness which would remain undiscovered by less ardent and devoted natures are perceived and improved. The eyes of our late brother were ever open to see where any good work could be done, and he was always ready to engage in it. For some years he was an efficient teacher in a mission Sabbath school. At the east end of the city, at a place called "the cross," where a considerable number of English speaking families lived he and another student opened a preaching station where they held a Sabbath evening service and weekly Bible class with occasional special evangelistic services for three years, through which many were led to the Saviour. Part of the time Mr. Davidson taught a singing class at the same place, which he made helpful to his scanty funds, for like many of those whom Christ calls to preach his gospel he was not burdened with a heavy purse.

Mr. Davidson graduated in June 1847 and was ordained pastor of a little Baptist church in Markham. Shortly after his settlement he married a daughter of the late Deacon W. Winter of Brantford. He entered on his ministerial and pastoral work with all the energy of his earnest, sanguine nature. He labored for and expected success, and God working with him the church enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity. His ability as a preacher and success as a pastor soon opened the way to a wider sphere of usefulness. In 1859 he received and accepted a call to Brantford. The church in his new field . as neither numerous nor harmonious, but Mr. Davidson brought to his work a good store of energy, talent and tact. As preacher and pastor he soon won the affections of the people, they became united in Christian effort, and improvement was marked from the outset of his ministry. The old place of worship became too small to accommodate the growing congregation, and a new one was erected, which was burned down in 1857. The house of worship now occupied